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### 1. [MDA15-014: Thermally Efficient Emitter Technology for Advanced Scene/Simulation Capability in Hardware in the Loop Testing](#)

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Ground testing of exo-atmospheric interceptor IR sensors play an essential role in the development of advanced algorithm concepts, mitigating flight test risk/cost and evaluating tactical performance. Numerous next-generation IR emitter technologies such as IR light emitting diodes (LEDs), photonic crystals and resistors are in development. These devices address the need for greater projected temp ...

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### 2. [MDA15-017: Innovative Antenna Arrays Enabling Continuous Interceptor Communications](#)

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Phased antenna arrays are expensive, heavy systems with complex hardware configurations. Despite these complexities, phased arrays are advantageous in situations where mechanical steering is impractical. In the past decade, there has been maturation in technology regarding the use of digital beamforming (DBF) to substantially augment the system-level capabilities of phased array antennas. However, ...

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### 3. [MDA15-018: Multi-Object Payload Deployment](#)

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Future weapon systems may be required to deliver multiple payloads. A key technological driver for multi-object payload vehicles is the restraint and deployment method. This topic seeks innovative solutions to reliably restrain and release the payloads with precise deployment dynamics. Restraint technology must withstand high axial shock and acceleration loads. Payload deployment dynamics should c ...

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### 4. [MDA15-020: Interceptor Thermal Protection Systems](#)

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Objectives for future missile defense applications include increased kinematic reach. One method of maximizing kinematic reach is through inert mass reduction. Interceptors require a significant amount of thermal protection system materials to survive fly-out trajectories. An example of current state-of-the-art material for thermal protection systems has a density of approximately 1.72 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (0.0 ...

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**5. [MDA15-022: Low Light Short Wave Infrared Focal Plane Arrays](#)**

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This topic focuses on enabling next generation sensors and improving FPA performance beyond the current state-of-the-art to support future missile defense applications. This topic seeks low noise, high sensitivity FPA technologies that detect very low signal levels. Current FPA technologies for imaging in low-light conditions at SWIR wavelengths are limited by poor quantum efficiency and/or poor n ...

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**6. [MDA15-023: Solid State High Power Amplifier for Communications](#)**

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The goal of this topic is to investigate solid state power amplifier (SSPA) technologies that meet or exceed the output power (greater than 1 kW), duty factor, operating frequency (K-band: 20-22 GHz), reliability, sustainability, and supportability achievable with existing traveling-wave tube amplifiers as a potential replacement for klystron tubes in future communication systems. Klystron tube tec ...

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**7. [N152-085: Gallium Arsenide Based 1-Micrometer Integrated Analog Transmitter](#)**

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Current airborne military communications and electronic warfare systems require ever increasing bandwidths while simultaneously requiring reductions in space, weight and power (SWaP). The replacement of the coaxial cable used in various onboard RF/analog applications with RF/analog fiber optic links will provide increased immunity to electromagnetic interference, reduction in size and weight, and ...

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**8. [N152-086: Flight Deck Lighting Addressable Smart Control Modules](#)**

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Surface aviation and amphibious assault ships launch and recover aircraft whose pilots typically use Night Vision Devices (NVDs) for night operations. As a result, the NVD flight deck lighting solution requires control and dimming of various individual lighting fixtures and circuits aboard these ships. Digitally addressable control of these lighting fixtures is required in order to dim and/or turn ...

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**9. [N152-087: Ability for Electronic Kneeboard \(EKB\) to Communicate and Operate in a Multi- level Security Environment](#)**

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The Electronic Kneeboard (EKB) is currently being developed to enable access to digital publications, tactical imagery, and other dynamic data in all USN and USMC aircraft. This capability will greatly enhance aircrew situational awareness, reduce cockpit clutter, improve precision fire, and enable in-flight mission re-planning. The warfighter would greatly benefit from a mobile platform capable o ...

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**10. [MDA15-024: Non-Destructive Testing Methods for Detecting Red Plague Within an Insulated Silver Plated Copper Conductor](#)**

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Red Plague is a galvanic corrosion of silver coated copper materials which occurs when the silver coating does not adequately cover the underlying copper and is exposed to water by either direct contact or condensation. Red Plague causes degradation of the anodic copper while leaving the cathodic silver plating intact. More details for causes and current mitigation provided in in SAE-ARP-6400, the ...

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